# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD DIVISION OF JUDGES

### **HURON VALLEY-SINAI HOSPITAL**

and	07-CA-201332
MICHIGAN NURSES ASSOCIATION	07-CA-205971
	07-CA-213556
	07-CA-217647

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#### DECISION

## STATEMENT OF THE CASE

**Arthur J. Amchan**, Administrative Law Judge. This case was tried in Detroit, Michigan on March 5, 2019. The Michigan Nurses Association filed the charges giving rise to this case between June 22, 2017 and April 18, 2018. The General Counsel issued the most recent complaint on September 27, 2018.

Many of the allegations in the most recent complaint were settled prior to hearing. Still at issue are the following allegations:

Complaint paragraph 11 alleging that on April 14 and 15, 2018, Respondent, by clinical coordinator, Steve Smades violated Section 8(a)(3) and (1) by prohibiting emergency room nurses from combining their lunch and other rest periods, as was the practice prior to April 14-15, 2018.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The issue litigated at hearing was broader than that pled in the complaint. Complaint paragraph 11 appears to be limited to the statements and conduct of Smades on April 14 and 15. The General Counsel's brief at pages 10-11 relies on Chief Human Resource Officer Allison Demarais' March 30 email in contending that strict adherence to the meal and rest policy was being imposed in retaliation for nurses' complaints about staffing levels. I find Respondent was not put on notice that the General Counsel considered Demarais' email to be retaliatory. Therefore, I will not consider this argument.

However, I find that the issue of whether Respondent violated Section 8(a)(5) and (1) by unilaterally enforcing a policy that had not been enforced previously, was litigated by consent. RN Tina Grossman's uncontradicted testimony, as well as the March 30, and April 4, 2018 emails from Demarais to Union

Complaint paragraph 12 alleging that Respondent is violating Section 8(a)(5) and (1) by refusing to provide the Charging Party Union copies of the exit interview forms completed by nurses who had resigned during the previous 12 months. Respondent has refused to provide these, as requested, on confidentiality grounds.

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Complaint paragraph 18 alleging that Respondent violated Section 8(a)(5) and (1) by unilaterally changing its meal and break policy by adding language that employees could be disciplined for consistently missing meals without authorization and that unit employees would be relieved for breaks by non-unit clinical coordinators, rather than by unit employees.

On the entire record, including my observation of the demeanor of the witnesses, and after considering the briefs filed by the General Counsel and Respondent. I make the following

# FINDINGS OF FACT

# I. JURISDICTION

Respondent, a corporation, operates an acute care hospital in Commerce Township, Michigan, where it annually derives gross revenues in excess of \$250,000.² Respondent annually purchases and receives products, goods and materials valued in excess of \$5,000 directly from points outside the State of Michigan. Respondent admits, and I find, that it is an employer engaged in commerce within the meaning of Section 2(2), (6), and (7) of the Act and that the Union, Michigan Nurses Association, is a labor organization within the meaning of Section 2(5) of the Act.

# **II. Alleged Unfair Labor Practices**

The Michigan Nurses Association was certified as the exclusive bargaining representative of all full-time, regular part-time and contingent registered nurses (RNs) employed by Respondent at its facility in Commerce Township, Michigan on March 24, 2016. During bargaining the parties agreed to add case managers to the bargaining unit. Amongst the employees specifically excluded from the unit are clinical coordinators. Respondent and the Union began bargaining in May 2016 and executed a collective bargaining agreement in

Representative Vincent Schraub, establish that Respondent began enforcing the policy that meal and rest breaks could not be combined in April 2018 without prior notice to the Union and opportunity to bargain over this change. In fact, Demarais confirmed that the policy had not been strictly enforced prior to March 30, 2018, Tr. 85-86, 94-95. It is well settled that the Board may find and remedy a violation even in the absence of a specified allegation in the complaint if the issue is closely connected to the subject matter of the complaint and has been fully litigated, *Pergament United Sales*, 290 NLRB 333, 334 (1989), enfd. 920 F.2d 130 (2d Cir. 1990); *Kankakee County Training Center for the Disabled*, 366 NLRB No. 181 (slip opinion at p. 3) (2018).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Respondent is part of the Detroit Medical Center (DMC), which is owned by Tenet Healthcare Corporation. Tenet purchased the assets of Vanguard Health Systems, which previously owned DMC and Huron Valley Sinai Hospital in 2013.

November 2018. A major issue between Respondent and the Union has been staffing levels, which the Union believes are too low.

# Complaint paragraph 12

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On June 6, 2017, the Union requested that Respondent provide it with a list all of unit RNs who resigned from their positions in the previous 12 months, their department and the start and ending date of their employment. Respondent provided the names in a summary discussed below, but did not provide the nurses' department or dates of employment.

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The Union also requested copies of exit interview records for all RNs who resigned in the prior 12 months. Respondent provided the Union a summary of the requested exit interviews, but not the completed exit interview forms, G.C. Exh. 4. This summary contained a 1 to 4-word reason for the nurse's leaving Huron Valley, such as "retirement," "personal reasons," "prom/career advancement," and "resigned without notice." Shortly thereafter, during bargaining, the Union advised Respondent that its response was not sufficient.

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At a bargaining session on July 18, 2017, the hospital provided the Union a copy of a blank exit interview form, but would not let the Union copy or retain the form. It did not restrict the amount of time the Union had to review the questionnaire at the bargaining session. Respondent insisted on a confidentiality agreement for the Union to retain the blank form and to see the completed forms. It contends that it had a confidentiality interest in the following questions on the blank form, which was introduced by Respondent at the hearing in this matter, Exh. R-3:

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- Question 15: Are you aware of any unlawful or fraudulent behavior at DMC or Tenet?
- Question 16: Are you aware of any behavior that violates the Standards of Conduct?
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Question 18: Have you been instructed to do something you felt was a violation of Tenet Standards of Conduct?

Question 19: Are you leaving Tenet because of any of these concerns?

The Union refused to sign a confidentiality agreement regarding the blank form.

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# Complaint paragraphs 11 and 18: Respondent's meal break policy

At the time the Union was certified, Respondent's meal period and rest period policy had been in effect since June 2013, G.C. Exh. 7. The policy applies to union employees except to the extent that it conflicts with an applicable collective bargaining agreement. The provisions relevant to this case are those that state:

Paragraph 3.

- C. Missed meal periods and/rest breaks may not be accumulated for use and/or pay at a later date. If they are not taken during the current shift, they are forfeited.
- D. Combining meal period and rest breaks will be permitted only with the approval of the Department Manager or designee.

On January 2, 2018, while the parties were bargaining for an initial contract, Detroit Medical Center, Respondent's parent, promulgated a meal and rest break policy without first notifying the Union or giving it an opportunity to bargain over new provisions. As with the 2013 policy it is applicable to union employees except to the extent that it conflicts with an applicable collective bargaining agreement. Among the new provisions was the following statement which the Union alleges violates the Act as a unilateral change:

If an employee consistently misses meals without the authorization of department management, disciplinary action may occur up to and including termination.

The new policy also contains the paragraph from the 2013 policy that, "combining meal period and rest breaks will be permitted only with the approval of the Department Manager or designee."

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While Respondent had a policy of prohibiting the combining of meal and rest breaks, this policy was not enforced at Huron Valley until April 2018, G.C. Exhs. 13 and 14, March 30, 2018 and April 4, 2018 emails from Allison Demarais, Respondent's Chief Human Resources Officer, to union representative Vincent Schraub. Respondent held a meeting for the staff nurses in March 2018 in which it announced to these employees that meal breaks would be covered by clinical coordinators and that meal and rest breaks could no longer be combined. A number of nurses signed a petition protesting the change which Union Steward Tina Grossman presented to Angela Castro, Respondent's Manager of the Emergency Department on April 2, 2018.

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On April 9, 2013, the policy that clinical coordinators will assign and cover nurses' 30-minute meal break became effective, G.C. Exhs. 12, 15. The testimony of RN Tina Grossman establishes that prior to April 9, 2013, RNs, rather than non-unit clinical coordinators usually covered for other nurses' rest and meal breaks.<sup>3</sup> Grossman herself had been combining her meal and rest breaks for a total break period of 1 hour. Immediately after April 9, the policy prohibiting combining meal and rest breaks was not strictly enforced; however, afterwards Respondent began to strictly enforce the prohibition.

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The General Counsel alleges that the enforcement of this policy is the result of Respondent's animus towards union activity. Specifically, Tina Grossman testified that on April 14 or 15, clinical coordinator Steve Smades told her that nurses would only get a 30-minute break because of "your surprise." By this Grossman understood Smades was referring to the presence of union representative Liz Riley in the employee breakroom. Grossman also testified that later Smades apologized to her and admitted that he had retaliated against unit employees in denying them a rest break because he believed Riley had called him an "A-hole." Grossman told Smades the invective came from somebody else. Smades did not testify. Therefore, Grossman's testimony is uncontradicted.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Grossman's testimony on this issue is uncontradicted by any first-hand evidence on the part of Respondent. Allison Demarais' testimony on this point at Tr. 87-88 is classic hearsay, which I do not credit.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> A charge and complaint allegation that Respondent violated the Act by barring union representative Riley from its premises was settled by the parties prior to hearing.

Conflicting testimony regarding Respondent's proposal of a confidentiality agreement

Shaun Ayer, an attorney who was Respondent's chief negotiator in bargaining, testified that he offered the Union a confidentiality agreement by which Respondent would provide the completed exit interviews. He proposed the Union agree that names and responses would be redacted, but that Respondent would provide the Union with the contact information for the nurses who completed the forms. Ayer testified that the reason Respondent would not provide the unreacted exit interviews was that it had promised the exiting nurses confidentiality and did not want the questions or answers regarding unethical or illegal conduct to be disseminated. Union representative Vincent Schraub testified that Respondent never proposed an accommodation regarding the completed forms. He stated Respondent's offer went only to the blank forms.

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Nicole Williams, Respondent's human resources director at the time, took notes for the hospital at the July 18, 2017 bargaining session, Exh. R-3. These notes are not a verbatim account of what transpired and they were not shared with the Union. The notes consist of less than 3 pages for a meeting that lasted from 9:28 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The rather cryptic notes consist of the following entries regarding the Union's request for the exit interviews:

[Respondent] exit Int-provided rationale as to why Emp. Does not want to provide Exit Int. info due to confidentiality & compliance questions.

MNA (The Union) wants something more specific, "if they left for another job, or because of a manager, or unsafe staffing."

MNA Request-Exit Int. Blank Form MNA? – Redacting Info other than HIPPA

Resumes 10:23

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HVSH (Respondent) "Read" Exit Int. Form-Allowed Union to review but took form back and did not allow union to keep blank. Discussion of (\*) meaning-goes to compliance for unethical or illegal violations.

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Would like Exit Int's of RNs who have left

HVSH No Federal or State law that requires employer to provide exit interviews. Questions are sensitive in nature-the employer does not want to discourage ee's from complying

HVSH Proposing Confidentiality of Exit w/ Redacted info; however, Emp has provided spreadsheet for reason.

Respondent concedes that the meeting notes do not corroborate its testimony that it offered to provide the Union with contact information for the nurses who completed exit

interviews. It also concedes that it initially proposed redacting the nurses' names and would not identify the nurses' work locations.

# Analysis

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Changes in Meal Break/Meal Break Coverage and threats of discipline for missing meal breaks

An employer's obligation while bargaining with the certified bargaining representative of its employees for an initial contract is to maintain the status quo, *Daily News of Los Angeles*, 315 NLRB 1236 (1994). During negotiations, Respondent's obligation to refrain from unilateral changes extends beyond the mere duty to give notice and an opportunity to bargain, it encompasses a duty to refrain from implementation at all, unless and until an overall impasse has been reached on bargaining for the agreement as a whole, *NLRB v. Katz*, 369 U.S. 736, 743 (1962), *Bottom Line Enterprises*, 302 NLRB 373, 374 (1991) enfd. 15 F. 3d 1087 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1991).

Respondent's strict enforcement of its rule against combining meal and rest breaks was a clear departure from the status quo and therefore violates Section 8(a)(5) and (1) of the Act, *Flambeau Arnold*, 334 NLRB 165 (2001); *Hyatt Regency Memphis*, 296 NLRB 259, 263 (1989). The testimony of Respondent's own witness, Human Resource Director, Allison Demarais and her emails to union representative Schraub establish that Respondent's rule was not strictly enforced until bargaining was well under way.

Regardless of whether or not Respondent's written rule prohibited or allowed management to use its discretion in combining meal and rest breaks, its actual practice prior to March 2018 was to allow such combinations. A change in practice, even when not a change in stated policy, during collective bargaining negotiations, violates Section 8(a)((5) and (1), Flambeau Arnold, 334 NLRB 165, 166 (2001). Thus, Respondent's enforcement of the rule prohibiting meal and break combinations and the policy mandating meal break coverage by non-unit clinical coordinators violated the Act. The latter practice was not consistent prior to March 2018, nor for a while March/April 2018, but then was strictly adhered to while collective bargaining negotiations were ongoing.

Huron Valley's new (January 2018) policy threatening disciplinary action if nurses miss breaks also violates Section 8(a)(5) and (1). This is a material change of employee working conditions. The fact that no employee may have disciplined pursuant to this unilateral change is irrelevant to whether it violates Section 8(a)(5). *Flambeau Arnold, supra*.

Finally, Respondent violated Section 8(a)(5) and (1) in altering its established practice of having nurses cover for each other during meal breaks while collective bargaining negotiations were in progress. This was a material change in that it directly affected the nurses' concerns regarding staffing. The new practice eliminated the work opportunities as a float nurse and thus affected employee wages, Tr. 68.

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Respondent by Steve Smades violated Section 8(a)(3) and (1) in limiting emergency room nurses to a 30-minute instead of a 1-hour break on April 14-15, 2018

I credit RN Tina Grossman's uncontradicted testimony that clinical coordinator Steve Smades admitted to her that he limited emergency room nurses to a 30-minute break on April 14-15 due to his anger at union representative Liz Riley. This constitutes retaliation against the nurses because they were unit members represented by the Union. The fact that Grossman did not engage in any protected activity other than being a bargaining unit member, is irrelevant.

She was discriminated against due to her status as a unit member and union member.

Respondent violated Section 8(a)(5) and (1) in refusing to provide the Union its exit interview questionnaire and the completed exit interview forms

A union is entitled to request and receive information that is relevant to its duties as the collective bargaining representative. When the requested information concerns unit employees it is presumptively relevant. In this matter, the exit interviews pertained to nurses who have left the bargaining unit and thus were not presumptively relevant.

Nevertheless, the Union established the relevance of this request. A major issue in negotiations was staffing levels at the hospital. The Union contended that was a reason that many nurses were leaving Huron Valley. Respondent denied this and for this reason the Union requested copies of the completed exit interviews. Moreover, the Union's concern about staffing was one of the reasons Respondent began to strictly enforce its rule against combining breaks,

G.C. Exh. 14, (Demarais email to Schraub at 1:06 p.m. on April 4, 2018).

# Respondent's confidentiality interest

Respondent contends it was privileged to withhold the completed exit interviews because it had promised departing nurses confidentiality.<sup>7</sup> In this regard the form states that "your responses will be confidential and will not become part of your personnel file. The information will assist us in analyzing employee retention and turnover."

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Grossman's testimony in this regard is not hearsay because it is the admission of a party-opponent pursuant to Rule 801(d)(2)(c) and (d) of the Federal Rules of Evidence. Respondent admitted that Smades was a supervisor but did not admit that Smades was its agent, Smades clearly was Respondent's agent under Board precedent, *Community Cash Stores*, 238 NLRB 265 (1978). When Smades spoke to Grossman, she reasonably believed he was speaking on behalf of Respondent.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Respondent is incorrect in asserting that there can be no violation if the employee-victim did not engage in protected activity. Retaliation against one employee for the protected activities of another violates the Act, *Keller Construction, Inc.*, 362 NLRB 1246, 1255 (2015); *Golub Brothers Concessions*, 146 NLRB 120 (1962); PJAX, 307 NLRB 1201, 1203-05 (1992) enfd. 993 F.3d 378 (3d. Cir 1993).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The fact that Respondent introduced the blank interview form at trial, without even asking for a protective order, belies its confidentiality claim for the blank form. Thus, its failure to provide the blank interview form to the Union violates Section 8(a)(5) and (1). Moreover, Respondent has failed to give any convincing reason why the questions asked of departing nurses, including those asking whether the nurse was aware of any unlawful or fraudulent behavior should be considered confidential.

Respondent did not provide departing nurses assurance that their responses would in any way be limited in their dissemination to management and supervisors. One of the justifications for Respondent's confidentiality claim at page 11 of its brief is that the reports may involve close co-workers, friends, and the same managers who may later be asked to provide an employment reference. However, Respondent did not tell the departing nurses that their completed exit interview forms would be unavailable to their former managers, the individuals most likely to be asked for an employment reference. Thus, Respondent's confidentiality interest in the completed forms is insubstantial.

Assuming that Respondent has a legitimate confidentiality interest in the completed exit forms, it did not offer a reasonable accommodation to the Union under the circumstances. The burden of formulating a reasonable accommodation is on the employer, the union need not propose a precise alternative to providing the requested information unedited, *Borgess Medical Center*, 342 NLRB 1105, 1106 (2004).8

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Respondent's offer to provide the Union the contact information of former nurses is not a reasonable accommodation. That the Union might be able to contact the nurses and do its own survey, is not a sufficient response, *Detroit Newspaper Agency*, 317 NLRB 1071, 1072 (1995); *Medstar Washington Hospital Center*, 360 NLRB 846 (2014); *Kroger Co.* 226 NLRB 512, 513 (1976) [The union is under no obligation to utilize a burdensome procedure of obtaining desired information where the employer may have such information available in a more convenient form.] The barebones summary of reasons that nurses left Respondent's employ, G.C. Exh. 4 is an obviously inadequate response to the Union's request for the exit interviews.

There is contradictory testimony as to whether Respondent offered any other accommodation to the Union regarding the completed forms. Respondent took very limited notes at the parties' July 18, 2017 bargaining session, R. Exh. 3. Those notes established that the subject of redactions were discussed. I credit Shaun Ayer's testimony that this discussion was about redactions to the completed forms, not just the blank form. However, neither the notes nor Ayer's testimony provides much evidence as to the specifics of Respondent's suggested accommodation.

I find that a reasonable accommodation to the confidentiality concerns raised by Respondent would have redacted only the name and employee ID number from the completed exit form and the names of persons to whom an unflattering reference was made. Apart from this, the Union's interest in the requested information far outweighs any purported confidentiality interest of Respondent. This is particularly true of the answers to questions # 5, "What prompted you to seek alternative employment?" 12, "What did you like most about your job and/or this company?" 13: "What did you like the least about your job and/or this company?" 14: "What does your new job offer that your job with the company does not?" and 19 "Are you leaving Tenet because of any of these [unlawful or fraudulent conduct, behavior contrary to Tenet Standards of Conduct] concerns?"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Respondent did not raise the argument that the exit interviews were privileged under Michigan state law until it filed its post-trial brief, R. brief at page 15. This argument was not timely raised; thus, I decline to consider it, *Medstar Washington Hospital Center*, 360 NLRB 846 fn. 1 (2014).

Thus, I find that Respondent violated the Act in failing to provide to the Union those responses from each exit interview that touched upon the reason for which the nurse was leaving Respondent's employment.

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# **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Respondent violated Section 8(a)(5) and (1) during collective bargaining negotiations by commencing to strictly enforce its prohibition against combining breaks when it had not done so previously.

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Respondent violated Section 8(a)(5) and (1) during collective bargaining negotiations by regularly covering nurses' meals breaks with clinical coordinators instead of bargaining unit nurses when it had only done so sporadically prior to the beginning of collective bargaining negotiations.

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Respondent violated Section 8(a)(5) and (1) during collective bargaining negotiations by promulgating a rule threatening unit employees with disciplinary action if they missed paid breaks.

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Respondent violated Section 8(a)(5) and (1) in failing to offer the Union a reasonable accommodation to address its confidentiality concerns with regard to the Union's request for completed exit interview forms.

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Respondent violated Section 8(a)(3) and (1) by denying unit employees breaks on April 14-15, 2018 in retaliation for the conduct of a union representative.

#### REMEDY

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Having found that the Respondent has engaged in certain unfair labor practices, I shall order it to cease and desist therefrom and to take certain affirmative action designed to effectuate the policies of the Act.

On these findings of fact and conclusions of law and on the entire record, I issue the following recommended<sup>9</sup>

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# **ORDER**

The Respondent, Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, its officers, agents, successors, and assigns, shall

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1. Cease and desist from

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> If no exceptions are filed as provided by Sec. 102.46 of the Board's Rules and Regulations, the findings, conclusions, and recommended Order shall, as provided in Sec. 102.48 of the Rules, be adopted by the Board and all objections to them shall be deemed waived for all purposes.

- (a) Refusing to bargain with Michigan Nurses Association by failing and refusing to promptly furnish exit interviews completed by former nurses from June 6, 2016.
- (b) Enforcing its rule prohibiting the combination of meal and other breaks.
- (c) Covering meal breaks with clinical coordinators rather than unit nurses.

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- (d) Denying bargaining unit members breaks in retaliation for the conduct of union representatives.
- (e) In any like or related manner interfering with, restraining, or coercing employees in the exercise of the rights guaranteed them by Section 7 of the Act.
- 2. Take the following affirmative action necessary to effectuate the policies of the Act.
- (a) Furnish the Union with copies of all exit interviews forms received since June 6, 2016 with the following information redacted: the name and ID number of the nurse completing the form; the names of any persons regarding whom an unflattering reference was made.
- (b) Rescind the rule threatening discipline for employees if they miss breaks.
- (c) Make unit employees whole for any loss of earnings and other benefits suffered as a result of the change in the policy regarding the coverage of meal breaks.<sup>10</sup>
- (d) Within 14 days after service by the Region, post at its Commerce Township, Michigan facility copies of the attached notice marked "Appendix." Copies of the notice, on forms provided by the Regional Director for Region 7, after being signed by the Respondent's authorized representative, shall be posted by the Respondent and maintained for 60 consecutive days in conspicuous places including all places where notices to employees are customarily posted. In addition to physical posting of paper notices, the notices shall be distributed electronically, such as by email, posting on an intranet or an internet site, and/or other electronic means, if the Respondent customarily communicates with its employees by such means. Reasonable steps shall be taken by the Respondent to ensure that the notices are not altered, defaced, or covered by any other material. In the event that, during the pendency of these proceedings, the Respondent has gone out of business or closed the facility involved in these proceedings, the Respondent shall duplicate and mail, at its own expense, a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Such payments shall be computed in accordance with *F. W. Woolworth Co.*, 90 NLRB 289 (1950), with interest at the rate prescribed in *New Horizons*, 283 NLRB 1173 (1987), compounded daily as prescribed in *Kentucky River Medical Center*, 356 NLRB No. 8 (2010).

<sup>11</sup> If this Order is enforced by a judgment of a United States court of appeals, the words in the notice reading "Posted by Order of the National Labor Relations Board" shall read "Posted Pursuant to a Judgment of the United States Court of Appeals Enforcing an Order of the National Labor Relations Board."

- copy of the notice to all current employees and former employees employed by the Respondent at any time since June 6, 2017.
- (e) Within 21 days after service by the Region, file with the Regional Director a sworn certification of a responsible official on a form provided by the Region attesting to the steps that the Respondent has taken to comply.

Dated, Washington, D.C. April 29, 2019

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Administrative Law Judge

#### **APPENDIX**

# NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES

# Posted by Order of the National Labor Relations Board An Agency of the United States Government

The National Labor Relations Board has found that we violated Federal labor law and has ordered us to post and obey this notice.

# FEDERAL LAW GIVES YOU THE RIGHT TO

Form, join, or assist a union Choose representatives to bargain with us on your behalf Act together with other employees for your benefit and protection Choose not to engage in any of these protected activities.

WE WILL NOT enforce our prohibition against combining meal and other breaks without negotiating such a prohibition with the Michigan Nurses Association.

WE WILL NOT cover meal breaks with clinical coordinators instead of bargaining unit nurses without negotiating such a practice with the Michigan Nurses Association.

WE WILL NOT apply a rule threatening discipline against unit employees for missing breaks without negotiating such a rule with the Michigan Nurses Association.

WE WILL NOT retaliate against bargaining unit members on account of the conduct of union representatives.

**WE WILL NOT** refuse to provide the Michigan Nurses Association with relevant information it requests and if the requested information contains confidential information WE WILL propose a reasonable accommodation to the Union.

**WE WILL NOT** in any other manner interfere with, restrain, or coerce you in the exercise of the rights guaranteed you by Section 7 of the Act.

**WE WILL** rescind the change to our Meal and Break Policy which provides that unit employees may be disciplined for missing breaks.

**WE WILL** provide the Michigan Nurses Association with the information it requested on June 6, 2017 including all exit interviews completed by former nurses since June 6, 2016. The names and ID numbers of the nurse completing the form will be redacted as will the names of any other individual to whom there are unflattering references.

**WE WILL** make whole with accrued interest any nurse who suffered an economic loss by virtue of the change in policy regarding the coverage of breaks.

		HURON VALLEY-SIN	AI HOSPITAL
		(Employer	?)
Dated	Ву		
		(Representative)	(Title)

The National Labor Relations Board is an independent Federal agency created in 1935 to enforce the National Labor Relations Act. It conducts secret-ballot elections to determine whether employees want union representation and it investigates and remedies unfair labor practices by employers and unions. To find out more about your rights under the Act and how to file a charge or election petition, you may speak confidentially to any agent with the Board's Regional Office set forth below. You may also obtain information from the Board's website: <a href="https://www.nlrb.gov.">www.nlrb.gov.</a>

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The Administrative Law Judge's decision can be found at <a href="www.nlrb.gov/case/07-CA-201332">www.nlrb.gov/case/07-CA-201332</a> or by using the QR code below. Alternatively, you can obtain a copy of the decision from the Executive Secretary, National Labor Relations Board, 1015 Half Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20570, or by calling (202) 273-1940.



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THIS NOTICE MUST REMAIN POSTED FOR 60 CONSECUTIVE DAYS FROM THE DATE OF POSTING AND MUST NOT BE ALTERED, DEFACED, OR COVERED BY ANY OTHER MATERIAL. ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS NOTICE OR COMPLIANCE WITH ITS PROVISIONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE ABOVE REGIONAL OFFICE'S COMPLIANCE OFFICER, (313) 226-3244.